

Summer 2008

Camelot Village Voice

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Friday, July 4, 2008

The Camelot Annual 4th of July Parade & Picnic is one of our largest events of the year! Please join us again for a morning of patriotism, picnics and pride in our community. Decorate your bikes, cars, company vehicles, even your pets! Then we'll all march from Living Faith Anglican Church at 9am down Country Club to Redfield where we'll join our other friends and neighbors at Stroud Park for a good, old fashioned picnic! If you can't be in the parade, line the parade route and cheer on your friends and neighbors! We'll provide the hotdogs, drinks and condiments--won't you bring a side dish or dessert to share? Don't forget about the great raffle with great prizes provided by our wonderful community restaurants and merchants! Contact [Debi and Larry Nielson](#) for more information.

Mark your calendars – details later this year

Saturday, October 18 - GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) evening.

Saturday, October 25 - Annual Camelot Village Halloween Party - Stroud Park - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Early December - Annual Luminaria Sale

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Stroud Park

The City of Tempe is completing the move of the watering system away from park walls and replacing grass along the walls with a decomposed granite pathway. The City's contractor scheduled curbing installation for the week of June 9. The contractor will be pouring some seating pads for benches and performing some finish work where the path connects to the existing sidewalk. Then the contractor will be scheduling granite installation, stabilizer compound application and path compaction. The City will keep the neighborhood advised on the schedule.

Western Canal Recreational Trail

The City has updated their schedule and is currently anticipating construction to begin in fall 2008. The six-mile lighted recreation trail will run along the Western Canal from Arizona Mills Mall to the 101 freeway. The trail will consist of a ten foot wide concrete path with a soft jogging path along some areas. Various beautification/resting areas, including one at Stroud Park, will also be constructed. The City will be adding a new traffic signal called the HAWK (High intensity Activated crossWalk) at crossings of major streets such as Rural and McClintock. It will stop traffic and allow path users to cross the street.

Annual Meeting

The Camelot Village Neighborhood Association (CVNA) held its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the Stroud Park.

Neighbors discussed various neighborhood concerns and projects. The attendees voted to submit a grant request for 2008 to focus on improvements to Stroud Park. The grant application will request additional benches, trees, and enhanced landscaping along the west wall as well as a new handicapped accessible water fountain with lower drinking well for dogs.

Carla Smith volunteered to serve as Vice-President and Ellie Felder volunteered as Newsletter Editor. Other current year officers and committee chairs agreed to continue serving.

Grant Update

The City of Tempe approved CVNA's 2007 grant request for a shade structure for the playground area. The City is working on plans for installation.

CVNA's 2008 grant request was submitted to the City of Tempe in May. The Tempe Neighborhood Service Team (NST) will vote on the projects to be recommended for funding to the City Council on July 16, 2008 and will provide names of the selected projects at a subsequent public meeting of the City Council during an issue review session, which will likely take place in late August 2008. Grant applicants will be notified of funding decisions in writing.

2009 Grant Application

We are now soliciting new ideas for our next annual grant application. Ideas submitted to date include the purchase of "Camelot Village Neighborhood" sign toppers that would appear above street signs throughout the neighborhood (the kind you see in historic neighborhoods) and additional entrance way (Kenwood) enhancement projects like decorative rock/brickwork to beautify and update our island and raised beds. If you are in favor of one of these, or have some other ideas, please contact any board member or e-mail Carla Smith at casjns94@cox.net.

Please note that projects like the communal wall restoration on Country Club and the walls backing up to Stroud Park do not qualify for grant monies.

Camelot Village Neighborhood Association Voluntary Dues

The Camelot Village Neighborhood Association is a voluntary organization of residents created under guidelines of the City of Tempe to promote a sense of community within our lovely neighborhood of 300 homes. The Association sponsors several social events, traditions, and activities each year and works to encourage neighborhood participation in ongoing beautification projects.

Dues are voluntary. Suggested amount is at least \$20. These funds go towards activities sponsored by the organization and for neighborhood maintenance and repairs. All contributions are appreciated.

Checks may be made out to Camelot Village Neighborhood Association and mailed or dropped off to Treasurer, Perry Darling, 1926 E. Bendix Drive. Cash is also accepted. Call (480) 775-1284 or email: darling_perry@yahoo.com.

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Questions about Block Watch? Want to help?

Contact Sid Frede @ (480) 838-0604 or
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Block Watch provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors and better understand what is happening in the neighborhood. The requirements are minimal, the rewards are great. Don't wait until something happens to get involved.

Police encourage neighbors to watch for unusual or suspicious activity in the neighborhood and report immediately to the Police at **480-966-6211**. They emphasize they would rather have calls that turn out to be false alarms than have incidents occurring. **Emergencies only should be reported to 911.**

From time-to-time incidents do occur. In addition to notifying the Police, please report these incidents to your Block Watch Captain or to Sid Frede so they can arrange to alert neighbors to any major or recurring problems.

E-mail Notices

If you would like to receive e-mail notices of incidents or other breaking neighborhood news, please send your e-mail address to Debi Nielsen, debiariz@msn.com.